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June 3, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 S. King Street, Room 302
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Operating Budget as Bill 11 (2013), CD2
Relating to the City and County Budget
The Wahiawa Center for Community Health

Chair Martin and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

Since 1989, the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) has advocated for and worked closely with all 14 of Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). HPCA's mission is to improve the health of communities in need by advocating for, expanding access to, and sustaining high quality health care through our statewide network of FQHCs (also known as a Community Health Center or CHC).

The HPCA wholeheartedly supports the development of a FQHC in Wahiawa. There is a significant need in the community for quality primary care, especially for uninsured and underinsured residents. The HPCA is committed to working with the new Wahiawa Center for Community Health (WCCH) for the long term. The WCCH will provide much needed health care and jobs to the Wahiawa community. In addition, WCCH will support Wahiawa's revitalization efforts by serving as a health care industry training center, encouraging its residents to seek employment in their own community.

The HPCA supports this budget, specifically the section that pertains to the Wahiawa Center for Community Health (WCCH), a new community-owned and managed not-for-profit health care organization with a mission to promote and provide accessible comprehensive individual and community health care to the people of Wahiawa, Central Oahu and the North Shore.

Sincerely,

Robert Hirokawa, CEO

Council

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